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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MORG, PFOR, BA

SUBJECT: MIDEASTFORCE

REF.: MANAMA 935 (NOTAL)

1. CIRCULAR 175 PROCEDURE IS COMPLETE AND YOU ARE HEREBY  
AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT  
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OF BAHRAIN FOR MIDEASTFOR ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE QUOTE  
NEW FORMAT UNQUOTE. ALL DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE NEGOTIATED AD  
REFERENDUM.

2. YOU SHOULD NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF TWO DRAFT  
DIPLOMATIC NOTES; THE FIRST (NOTE A) TERMINATING THE  
PRESENT MIDEASTFORCE DEPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, THE SECOND  
(NOTE B) PROVIDING THE BASIS FOR FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS. THE  
TEXT OF THESE NOTES FOLLOWS: CHANGES PROPOSED BY GOB  
SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. TEXT OF NOTE A:

QUOTE

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS  
CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES MIDDLE EAST FORCE, AND THE  
AGREEMENT REACHED THEREON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 23, 1971, BETWEEN OUR TWO  
GOVERNMENTS WILL BE TERMINATED.
2. THE UNITED STATES MIDDLE EAST FORCE WILL NO LONGER BE  
DEPLOYED IN BAHRAIN AND ITS FLAGSHIP AND PERSONNEL WILL  
NO LONGER BE HOMEPORTED IN BAHRAIN.
3. PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 ABOVE WILL BE EFFECTIVE AS OF  
JUNE 30, 1977.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF  
BAHRAIN, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND  
YOUR NOTE IN REPLY CONFIRMING ITS ACCEPTANCE WILL  
CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS  
REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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UNQUOTE.

4. TEXT OF NOTE B:

QUOTE

EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN  
OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CULMINATING IN THE DECISION TO  
TERMINATE, AS OF JUNE 30, 1977, THE AGREEMENT OF  
DECEMBER 23, 1971, CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED  
STATES FORCES TO BAHRAIN.

MY GOVERNMENT PROPOSES THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE STATUS  
OF ANY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL RESIDING IN  
OR VISITING BAHRAIN AFTER JUNE 30, 1977, INCLUDING THOSE  
ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENTS' SCHOOL  
IN BAHRAIN, THE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE DECEMBER 23  
AGREEMENT WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT  
THAT THE AGREEMENT ITSELF HAS BEEN TERMINATED.  
SPECIFICALLY, THE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS ARE ARTICLE 2  
AND ARTICLES 4 THROUGH

12 OF THE AGREEMENTS

AND

PROCEDURES

FOR IMPLEMENTING ARTICLES

8 AND 11 THEREOF, AS

CONTAINED IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN OUR TWO  
GOVERNMENTS JULY 31, 1975.

MY GOVERNMENT FURTHER PROPOSES THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS  
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ENTER INTO ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL  
CONFIRM THE AUTHORIZATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR VISITS  
OF ELEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO BAHRAIN AND  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
PERSONNEL PERFORMING TASKS RELATED TO BAHRAIN, AND WHICH  
WILL PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION TO BAHRAIN IN CONSIDERATION  
OF THE USE OF FACILITIES FOR THESE PURPOSES.

UNQUOTE.

5. NOTE B ALLUDES TO A THIRD DOCUMENT, WHICH REVISES  
DOD/GOB LEASE. YOU SHOULD, IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH  
REAR ADMIRAL CROWE, CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOB  
SEEKING TO REVISE THE CURRENT LEASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE FOLLOWING TEXT. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE  
FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO PHYSICAL PROPERTIES INCLUDED  
IN EXHIBIT QUOTE A UNQUOTE ATTACHED TO THE LEASE. OTHER  
WORDING CHANGES PROPOSED BY GOB SHOULD BE REFERRED TO  
WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION. LEASE DOCUMENT WOULD BE FOR  
SIGNATURE BETWEEN COMMANDING OFFICER OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
SUPPORT UNIT AND COMPARABLE GOB OFFICIAL.

6. TEXT OF LEASE DOCUMENT:

QUOTE

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

AS A RESULT OF A RECENT DECISION TAKEN JOINTLY BY OUR TWO  
GOVERNMENTS, COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE IS CURRENTLY IN  
THE PROCESS OF MAKING MAJOR MODIFICATIONS IN HIS  
OPERATIONAL PATTERN, SO THAT THE COMMAND AND FLAGSHIP WILL  
NO LONGER BE HOMEPORTED IN BAHRAIN. THESE CHANGES, IN  
TURN, WILL ALTER THE CHARACTER OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN. FOR INSTANCE, AS PART OF  
THIS PROCESS AND BETTER TO REFLECT ITS PURPOSE, THE TITLE  
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OF THE SHORE INSTALLATION IS BEING CHANGED TO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN AND I HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED ITS COMMANDING OFFICER. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO MODIFY THE EXISTING LEASE TO REFLECT THE REALITIES OF THIS NEW SITUATION.

THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS, I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT, NOY (R)-64590, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN DATED 1ST JANUARY 1972 AND THE AMENDMENTS THERETO APPROVED BY YOU ON 28 FEBRUARY 1976.

SUBSTITUTE THE TITLE "COMMANDING OFFICER ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN" FOR "COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE" WHERE APPEARING IN FIRST PARAGRAPH, ARTICLE VII AND ARTICLE XII.

ADD TO ARTICLE III THE FOLLOWING:

"FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD 1 JULY 1977 AND ENDING 30 JUNE 1978 AND FOR EACH TWELVE MONTH PERIOD THIS LEASE IS IN EFFECT THEREAFTER, THE USA SHALL PAY THE GSB RENTAL FOR THE USE OF SAID PREMISES OF (AMOUNT TO BE NEGOTIATED). THE USA SHALL PAY TO THE GSB RENTAL ANNUALLY IN ADVANCE BY CHECK IN US DOLLARS."

DELETE THE LAST SENTENCE OF ARTICLE IV AND ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES:

"THIS LEASE SHALL BE RENEWED FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1977 TO 30 JUNE 1978. THEREAFTER, SUBJECT TO ARTICLE XIII HEREOF THIS LEASE MAY BE FURTHER RENEWED ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS HEREIN SPECIFIED, FROM YEAR TO YEAR AT THE OPTION OF THE USA BY GIVING TO THE GSB FOUR (4) MONTHS WRITTEN NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO EXERCISE SUCH OPTION OF RENEWAL."

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SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE PRESENT TEXT OF ANNEX A OF THE LEASE:

"ANNEX A"

1. THAT CERTAIN PART OF FORMER HMS JUFAIR, CONTAINING 10 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS, AND FIXTURES THEREON, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

2. NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE SMALL BOAT BASIN, TOGETHER WITH THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF LAND AREA IN THE VICINITY OF THE SMALL BOAT BASIN AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED

HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

3. NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF BERTH NUMBER 1 AT THE MINA SULMAN PIER ON A PRIORITY BASIS FOR A PERIOD OR PERIODS TOTALLING NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS OF EACH TWELVE MONTH PERIOD. GSB WILL ENDEAVOR TO ARRANGE FOR SUCH USE OF BERTH NUMBER 1 FOR FURTHER PERIODS IN EACH TWELVE MONTHS IF REQUESTED BY THE USG AND DETERMINED ACCEPTABLE BY THE HARBOR MASTER. THE FINAL DECISION OF WHETHER TO GRANT SUCH REQUESTS WILL REMAIN WITH THE GSB. U.S. NAVY VESSELS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ANCHOR IN THE PORT

OF BAHRAIN FOR REASONABLE PERIODS, FOLLOWING ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE HARBOR MASTER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HARBOR REGULATIONS.

4. UNRESTRICTED LANDING RIGHTS AT BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN, OR HIS SUCCESSOR, AND FOR AIRCRAFT ATTACHED TO U.S. NAVY SHIPS VISITING THE PORT OF BAHRAIN. OFFICE AND STOWAGE SPACE WILL BE FURNISHED FOR THE AFORESAID AIRCRAFT CREW OF THE  
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COMMANDING OFFICER, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN, TOGETHER WITH THE USE OF THE LOADING SCALES. SAID SPACE AND USE OF LOADING SCALES SHALL BE AS ARRANGED WITH THE GSB, CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE AND COSTS THEREOF SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ARTICLE III OF THE BASIC LEASE AGREEMENT. MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND AIRCRAFT MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN. ALL SUCH USE SHALL BE FREE FROM CHARGES, SUCH AS LANDING OR PARKING FEES AND OVERFLIGHT OR AIR NAVIGATION CHARGES.

5. THE BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES SITUATED AT BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR THE USE AS OFFICE AND STOWAGE FACILITIES FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT, BAHRAIN AVIATION COMPONENT AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "C" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF OR OTHER OFFICE FACILITIES AS MAY BE LATER AGREED TO WITH GSB, CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE AND COSTS THEREOF SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ARTICLE III OF THE BASIC LEASE AGREEMENT.

6. UNRESTRICTED INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THE AFORESAID FACILITIES, AS STIPULATED HEREIN."

IN ARTICLE VII OF THE LEASE, SUBSTITUTE THE CLAUSE "PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 5" FOR THE CLAUSE "PARAGRAPHS 1, 2, 3, AND 7" WHERE APPEARING TO REFLECT THE ABOVE CHANGES TO ANNEX "A".

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF

BAHRAIN, I PROPOSE THAT THIS LETTER AND YOUR LETTER IN  
REPLY CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RESPECTING THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

UNQUOTE.

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7. REGARDING COMPENSATION, YOU SHOULD SEEK TO REDUCE THE  
ANNUAL RENT PAYMENT FROM THE PRESENT 4 MILLION DOLLARS.  
WE RECOMMEND YOU PROPOSE AN INITIAL FIGURE OF THREE  
MILLION DOLLARS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BOTH REDUCED ACCESS  
TO FACILITIES AND INFLATION. IF PRESSED BY GOB, YOU ARE  
AUTHORIZED TO FALL BACK TO 4 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUAL  
FIGURE. ANYTHING ABOVE THAT AMOUNT WOULD REQUIRE  
WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION.

8. SEPTTEL ON PRESS GUIDANCE AND ON STATUS OF BDF SURVEY  
WILL FOLLOW SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

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